If you have questions or concerns regarding a specific issue or problem that you are having, please contact the Congressman's Portland office at 503 231 2300 or use the <u>contact form</u> on our website.

## **Commonly Asked Questions**

Can the Congressman help me with questions about how to start and manage a small business,

Yes. The Congressman has a designated staff person who works on business issues and can help poin

Can the Congressman help my business with training and technical assistance needs?

Yes. Similar to the question above, the Congressman's designated staff can point you in the right directi

I feel that my business qualifies as a disadvantaged, minority or women owned business. Can yo

The state and federal governments have programs to help your business succeed. The Congressman's

I want my business to expand into the international trade market. Can the Congressman assist m

There are state and federal programs for export assistance. The Congressman's staff can help you loca

Can the Congressman help me obtain new business and contracts?

The Congressman cannot directly show favoritism of one business over another and cannot financially be

My business is hoping to obtain a government contract. Can the Congressman help me?
While the Congressman cannot show favoritism or offer specific product endorsements to an agency, h
For more information about federal business programs:
Small Business Administration
Economic Development Administration
Department of Commerce
If you are looking for state-based business resources:
Oregon Small Business Development Centers
Oregon Business Development Department (called Business Oregon)
If you are interested in business resources for minorities, women, and disadvantaged/emerging
Oregon Office of Minority, Women and Emerging Small Business (OMWESB)

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If you are looking for local city or county business resources:

Portland Economic Development Strategy

Portland Development Commission

**Gresham Redevelopment Commission** 

Clackamas County Economic Development Commission